

MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2014



Warren Recreation Board
790 Main Street
Warren, RI 02885

The Meeting of Thursday April 3, 2014 was held at the Mary V. Quirk School/ Warren Recreation Board Building at 790 Main Street and was called to order by the Chairperson at 6:45PM.

Present was Recreation Director Sharon Lombardo, Chairman Donna Ramos, Board Members Christine McGovern, Tami Stallings, Bryan McShane and Recording Secretary Carol Gafford. Guest was Jeremy Spurr.

The minutes for the March 6, 2014 meeting were accepted with a motion made by Tami Stallings to approve the minutes, seconded by Bryan McShane and accepted by all.

Jerry Spurr approached the Board as he would like to start an official Basketball Summer League for Middle and High school students. He would like to do skill clinics, scrimmages and pick-ups. No refs will be needed and Burr's Hill would be the best place to hold this. He requested that it run under the Recreation Department for grades 6-10. Registration would be \$25 per player per season and minimal equipment is needed. The Board thought this was a great idea and Recreation Director Sharon Lombardo asked if Basketball could coincide with the Summer Program after July 4th and until mid- August. Recreation Basketball could grow and T-shirts may be available. Registration for Basketball could take place at the same time as the Summer Recreation Program. Motion made by Carol Gafford for the Warren Basketball League, seconded by Christine McGovern and accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS

RE: PERMITS AND LEAGUES

Permit has been submitted for the Natalie Swift Fundraiser at Burr's Hill Bandshell on August 2. Permit submitted for Resource Fair on April 12th from 9:30AM-12:00PM at Hugh Cole School. Recreation will have a table at the Fair. East Bay Lacrosse League is at Jamiel's. Because of rain players are wearing sneakers instead of cleats.

RE: MVQ COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE/PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

April Vacation is coming up and Sharon is planning on a Babysitting class, along with a Dodgeball Tournament. She is also looking into a Ceramics class. Ads for the Summer Program will be going in the last week of April for counselor applicants. Head Start is looking for readers. Carol will contact Paul Brule about getting free seeds for kids to plant. ~WIP

RE: BUDGET & FINANCES:

There was no update on the Town Budget at this time. Town Financial Meeting is coming up. ~ WIP

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RE: RECREATION WISH LIST -

Recreation would like new computers for the MVQ. They would also like to have grant money to fix the Baltimore Avenue Park. ~ WIP

RE: GRANTS

There was no update on grants at this time. ~WIP

RE: VETERAN'S FIELD TRACK (KMS Track)

The Board is waiting on bids for the fence. ~WIP

RE: ONLINE PERMIT FORMS

Recreation Director Sharon Lombardo is working on getting forms online for the Pete Sepe Pavilion. She is looking into if any licenses are required for online forms. – WIP

RE: PR PACKAGE

There was no update on PR at this time. This is a work in progress. –WIP

RE: RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

This has been tabled to a future meeting. – WIP

RE: TOWN COUNCIL POLICIES

There has been no response from the Town Council at this time. ~WIP

RE: EAST BAY SKI CLUB

This has been tabled for a future meeting.

RE: JAMIEL'S PARK

There was no update at this time . *Please see information under budget and finance.* – WIP

RE: RECREATION IN THE MEDIA

Recreation Director Sharon Lombardo stated the she will be using the Bristol-Warren Patch from now on for events. The Patch will also take pictures. ~WIP

RE: COMMUNITY GARDEN

The New Urban Farmers will be offering classes in May for gardeners. Plots will still be available to the public. ~WIP

RE: STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR 2013

The Board will continue talks on the Strategic Plan at future meetings. -WIP

RE: WARREN DOG PARK

Board Member Bryan McShane has sent a letter to the Town Manager with an estimate of the cost and land/space needed for a Dog Park. ~ WIP

RE: MVQ WHEELCHAIR LIFT

The lift has been fixed.

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RE: BROKEN BACK STOP AT BURR'S HILL

Bryan will have an update on this at the next meeting.

RE: REVIEW OF POLICY BOOK

Tabled until ordinances are reviewed by Town Council.

RE: SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics will go to the Town Council next week. They have found a sponsor for half of the costs to rent space. The Board will wait to hear the outcome of the Town Council decision to waive fees.

RE: ONLINE CALENDAR

Recreation Director Sharon Lombardo is working on posting a calendar online for the Board to have access.

RE: EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Friday evening April 18th for teens and Saturday morning April 19th for the younger children. Sharon will get flyers to the schools.

RE: SUMMER 2014 FEES

Summer Recreation Program fees were discussed and it was voted to keep the fees the same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 1, 2014 at 7:00PM.

A motion was made by Board Member Bryan McShane to adjourn and seconded by Tami Stallings. The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted and Approved for Record

Thursday May 1, 2014

Carol Gafford, Recording Secretary